

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-15

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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7995

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ATTENTION: DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS CENTER

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: XX, US  
SUBJECT: CURRENT FOREIGN RELATIONS

REF: STATE 282272

1. I HAVE DISCUSSED THE UTILITY OF CURRENT FOREIGN  
RELATIONS (CFR) WITH SENIOR STAFF AT THIS POST  
AND HAVE LEARNED THAT THOSE WHO DO SCAN IT REGULARLY (AND  
NOT ALL DO) FIND IT OF ONLY MARGINAL VALUE.  
I MYSELF AM FORCED TO AGREE WITH THAT CONCLUSION.  
ALTHOUGH I INVARIABLY FIND ONE OR TWO ITEMS OF  
INTEREST IN EACH EDITION, I DO NOT FIND THAT CFR  
IN ITS PRESENT FORM PROVIDES ME WITH MUCH INSIGHT  
INTO THE MAJOR CONCERNS WHICH SHAPE OUR POLICY IN  
THE AREAS COVERED.

2. I AGREE THAT IN ITS PRESENT FORM CFR IS ESSENTIALLY  
A WEEKLY NEWS REVIEW. IF IT COULD SERVE THE PURPOSE  
DESCRIBED IN REFTEL PARA 3 IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL  
TO THOSE OF US IN THE FIELD. OTHERWISE, I DO NOT  
THINK IT MERITS THE EFFORT INVOLVED AND WOULD  
RECOMMEND ITS DISCONTINUANCE.  
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## Message Attributes

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